Application No.: 10/698,028 Docket No.: 300111171-2 US (1509-467)

<u>REMARKS</u>

The courtesy of Examiner Hon during the interview of March 30, 2007, is noted.

During the interview, attorney for applicant pointed out that there were equations in the specification that had clerical type errors. The Examiner agreed that an amendment of the specification to correct these errors is acceptable. The amendment does not introduce new matter. The specification has also been amended to correct an obvious clerical type error on page 15.

During the interview, attorney for applicant indicated that the subject matter of claim 28, which has been indicated as allowable, would be added to claim 1 and that claim 1 would also be amended to include the converse of the subject matter of claim 28, in alternative form. The converse involves interchanging planar and homeotropic, as submitted in previously allowed claim 28. Claim 28 is included because it specifically restricts the coverage of claim 1 to the situation previously defined by claim 28, and does not include the alternative, that is now defined by new claim 32. Claim 31 specifically covers only a first of the alternatives of claim 16 and claim 32 specifically covers a second of the alternatives of claim 16. Other changes have been made to the claims for clarity. The Examiner indicated these changes to the claims are acceptable and noted that she was inclined to make a similar suggestion prior to the interview.

Claim 16 has been amended in a manner similar to that of claim 1.

In view of the foregoing amendments, allowance is in order, since claims 17-26 and 28 have been previously indicated as allowable and all remaining claims have now been indicated as allowable.

Application No.: 10/698,028

Docket No.: 300111171-2 US (1509-467)

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.138 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 08-2025 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

David SIKHARULIDZE

Allan M. Lowel

Registration No. 19,641

Customer Number: 22429 1700 Diagonal Road, Suite 300 Alexandria, Virginia 22314 (703) 684-1111 (703) 518-5499 Facsimile Date: April 16, 2007 AML/tal